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Friday, April 18th, being Good Friday, the Guardian will not be published on Saturday.

MY PARTY, RIGHT OR WRONG

A striking example of unreason and unreasoning partisanship was given in the legislature last week when a resolution was introduced drawing attention to the damaging effect upon Canadian agriculture of the present Canadian customs duty on American farm products. The resolution, moved by Mr. McNutt and seconded by Mr. Hunter, pointed out that the United States duty on Canadian eggs was eight cents a dozen while American eggs are dumped into Canada at a duty of three cents. American pork comes into Canada at two cents while Canadian pork pays three cents on going into the United States; butter, cheese, beef and other agricultural products are similarly discriminated against by the American tariff as compared with the Canadian. This was clearly set forth by the mover and seconder of the resolution who showed that at present American eggs gathered in the flush days of summer and held in cold storage are being dumped into Maritime province centres, our natural market, practically demoralizing the Canadian egg market. In this province, because of this American dumping, eggs have dropped during the past few weeks to a point which practically puts our poultry out of business. This was pointed out, our farmer representatives knew it and knew, as everyone else knows, that the only way in which the poultry business which we have built up in this province can be maintained is to place sufficiently high duty on American eggs to at least put them on a level with Canadian eggs. Notwithstanding all this, the little Liberal remnant in the Legislature supported an amendment moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Blanchard asking the federal government to "if possible" negotiate a reciprocal treaty with the United States!

The mover and seconder of the Amendment knew the absurdity of their position, knew such a treaty was out of the question, knew that the resolution to which they objected pointed out the only way to save our poultry business. But they knew also that this did not suit the views of their friends at Ottawa and so they put themselves on record in an amendment which was a slap in the face to their farmer constituents.

SHOULD BE REFUNDED

The retail dealers in automobiles are renewing their demand for a refund of the luxury tax paid by them during the year 1920. It will be remembered that the luxury and excise taxes on certain commodities were repealed by Order in Council on May 18, 1920. The tax on automobiles was included. The repeal order however found automobile retailers with larger numbers of automobiles on hand on which the tax had been paid but which had to be sold in competition with automobiles purchased under the exemption. In 1920 over one million dollars had been paid in taxes by the retailers making a specific loss to them of that amount. They demanded a refund but so far their demand has been ignored by the government. This is an evident injustice and should be righted at the earliest possible opportunity. The idea that a tax once paid to the government cannot be refunded is an erroneous one as the facts clearly prove. It is a curious fact that the government found means to return the taxes to certain manufacturers who have retail stores but could find no means of refunding to regular retailers. This injustice should be rectified and we hope that in all fairness the government will find means at once to rectify it as they have done in many other cases.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The last census and the immigration reports give us the nationalities of the people living in Canada in 1921 and those now coming. The nationalities shown by the census indicated that of the total population amounting to something over eight and three quarter millions, 4,877,131 were of British origin and 2,482,782 of French origin. The two races making a total of 7,359,913. Those of other races above 100,000 each were, German, 94,636; Hebrew, 126,296; Dutch, 17,509; Austrian, 107,671; Ukrainian, 106,721; Russian, 100,064. These foreign nationalities made a total of 852,797.

Since the war immigration to Canada shows a marked increase over the war period. Last year 37,681 came to this country, being more than twice the number of the previous year. Better still, 72,488 came from the British Isles and 20,332 from the United States. There were also 5,140 from Newfoundland, making 97,858 from English speaking countries. The balance was made up of over 8,000 Romanians, over 5,000 each of Finns and Italians over 4,000 Poles, and over 3,000 Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. Of Germans, Czechoslovaks, Belgians and Swiss there were well over 1,000 each, with some hundred each of Ukrainians, Jugoslavs, Dutch, Chinese, Japanese, Armenians, Greeks, French Bulgarians, Syrians and Hungarians.

It is of interest to know where last year's immigrants were located. We are following a statement published by the Canadian Pacific Railway. According to this authority 61,000 of them went to Ontario, 20,442 to Manitoba, 18,243 to Quebec, 12,147 to Saskatchewan, 10,000 to Alberta, and nearly as many to British Columbia, 5,500 to Nova Scotia, 1,500 to New Brunswick and only 113 to Prince Edward Island. Small as this last number is, we fear it is an overstatement. But if any one can state these 113, or half the number of these immigrant settlers who came to this Province last year we shall be glad to make his statement public.

It is deeply regrettable that while 137,000 immigrants are reported to have come to Canada last year, the number who went away was greater. It is certainly true and attested by statements made by representatives in Maritime Legislatures that the number of exodians from the Maritime Provinces largely exceeds the number of immigrants that are reported to have come. The same is probably true even of Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. Yet this fact only adds to the desirability of a large influx of good settlers from abroad. And of those who came last year nearly 100,000 came from English-speaking countries and will be readily assimilated into our Canadian population.

The Immigration Department divides incoming settlers into six classes according to their declared intention of the avocations they intend to follow. These are farming, laboring, mechanics, trading, mining and female servants. More than 49,000 persons, including women and children, announced their intention of making their new homes on the land. With these came 21,467 mechanics, who will go mainly to the cities and towns. The trading class, 3,571 to engage in mining and 12,738 female servants. A considerably larger proportion of farm settlers would have been desirable. As it is, the greater number of the newcomers have gone to the cities and towns where housing accommodation is scant and immediate employment far from plentiful.

A bill is now before Congress, which its promoter is hopeful may become law, that will limit the number of immigrants entering the States from Canada and Mexico. The number admitted from the British Isles and all European countries is already limited by law. Under the bill referred to the number to be admitted from Canada would be about 25,000 yearly. Thus Uncle Sam may do something for Canada in the way of restricting the exodus which our present rulers have failed to accomplish. It would be a boon to Canada if the bill should pass. Senator Willis, of Ohio, its promoter, explains that his real object is to shut out the Mexicans, but if restriction is placed along the southern border it must of necessity be applied on the northern border as well.

Couple Agree To Separate For 1 Year

Marriage isn't a bad institution, particularly, but it is unkind to individuals. Married persons are reactions and this doesn't appeal to those who are certain that they are integers by birth and inclination. At least, Thyra Samter Winslow, the promising American novelist, feels that way about it. She is living at 9 East Forty-ninth Street, New York, while John Seymour Winslow, her husband, commutes to Cew Gardens. The Winslows have been married twelve years. During that time Mrs. Winslow, in addition to getting on with her literature, has exercised complete control over the Winslow ménage. She performs the functions of a commutier's wife quite as efficiently as if, like ordinary wives, she had spent her spare time at bridge instead of at writing. It is a far cry from the relative typewriter to the kitchen range, and it is well-nigh impossible to bring the twain together, Mrs. Winslow contends. She points out that the housewife cooks for her husband and the author writes for—well, everybody sometimes, says the New York Times.

Advised for All Marriages

Mrs. Winslow doesn't want a divorce. She isn't interested in a formal separation. She doesn't want to lose her husband's friendship, here is nothing personal in her attitude. Her gesture is not expressive of her feelings on her own marriage alone. It covers all marriages, specially those in which the woman is carving out a career. "One cannot be a part-time writer," Mrs. Winslow said, in discussing her determination to go it alone. "Marriage is not simply a state of being. It entails considerable thought and effort and, to be handled with real efficiency, demands a surprisingly large measure of concentration. A household doesn't take care of itself, regardless of how many servants a person can afford. It must be administered, just as a business or a city. I came to believe that it was just as unfair to my household, as it was to my writing to mix the two. The problem of whether or not a woman can successfully conduct a household and foster an outside career simultaneously is almost as old as marriage itself. It looks to me as if the answer were in the negative. For a woman to achieve distinction in the arts, the professions or business, she must be in full possession of an individuality, which is most essential to the making of her presence felt."

Give and Take

"It is generally conceded that the happiest marriages are those which observe the principle of give and take, husband and wife being willing to subordinate some of their own pet theories in order to enable the other to dovetail with the best interests of their marital complement. Perhaps this is commendable. If here were more of it there would undoubtedly be less business for the divorce courts. But it is achieved at the sacrifice of the greatest asset to a creative field—individuality. The wife who withholds her own views until she gets some inkling of those of her husband is pursuing a highly diplomatic course, but is throttling her mental initiative. This sugar-coating of her own views to make them palatable to her husband is done so consistently that it becomes an established trait. The thickness of the coating is increased until the grain of thought it contains is obscured. Married persons deserve a furious rebuke. The separation of Mr. Winslow and myself is not permanent, perhaps. I look upon these vacations as necessary to enable both husband and wife to stand on their own feet as far as their outlook upon life is concerned. It is probably true that happiness was born a twin. At the same time, we must give credence to Kipling's line that 'he travels fastest who travels alone.'"

Mr. Winslow Understands

"Women for centuries were apparently satisfied to reflect any glory that might be the fortunate lot of their husbands. They want to shine at present by other than reflected light. They want to participate in the struggle to live and to advance. No matter how much latitude may be allowed them by indulgent husbands, it is far from enough to satisfy the ever-growing demand for independence. Of course, where the artistic or professional interests of the husband and wife are identical, and where both are definitely and admittedly seeking the same goal, the personality of neither is likely to be submerged by that of the other. They are colleagues rather than so-called helpmeets. But where aims and ambition differ and where interest in each other's work must be simulated, freedom of thought and expression is denied. I do not indict mar-

The Public Forum

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A DISGRACE TO BE REMOVED.

Sir,—I was pleased to note in the Guardian the letter of "Interested Islander" calling upon citizens to "brush up" and pleaded also to note that in the following fine days, many citizens responded in a practical way. A good beginning has already been made in the work of making Charlottetown look its best throughout the coming summer months and tourist season. But there seems to be not much prospect of an improvement of the ragged appearance of the old fence on the southern side of Brighton Road. As every one knows this is one of the most travelled avenues of the town. Foot passengers, carriages and autos alike, on business and on pleasure bent, come and go on Brighton Road. The roadway itself, as far as the Willow Corner is one of the very best and cleanest within the town limits, and the residences on the north side of the road are so well and carefully kept that they are almost without exception, a delight to the eye. But the old, rotten, broken fence and tattered trees on the opposite side are in irredeemable contrast. It may be assumed that, unless there should, in the meantime, be a change of administration at Ottawa, the next Lieutenant Governor will be a Liberal. In that case he will be in the same position towards the present Provincial Government as the present Lieutenant Governor was towards the late Provincial Government. Of course nothing will be done to rehabilitate Government House or make possible for one who has been on the other side of party politics to live in it. The next Lieutenant Governor must, therefore, of necessity provide for himself a house in which he may live and entertain the guests of the public. But surely some arrangement can be made whereby the old fence will be altogether taken away and the trees inside it trimmed, and the locality made somewhat presentable to the eyes of the strangers who may visit our "capital city" in the coming summer. Surely the Provincial Government and the City Government between them can do something towards the removal of the disgraceful conditions which now surround our fine old Government House property. Hoping for some effective practical action in this regard.

I am, Sir, etc.
A BYSTANDER.

Your Birthday

APRIL 15.—Your perception is keen, and your heart courageous. You are fond of society, enjoy travelling, court popularity, and let your ambition lead you. You seldom allow unpleasant surroundings to disturb the tranquility of your mind. You are a strong lover. Curb the desire to be always idle, and live within your means. You should marry happily. Your birthstone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow. Marriage as a failure. I do say, however, that it is not compatible with worldly aggrandizement on the part of the woman of the partnership. My husband grasps my viewpoint and is as much interested in the outcome of this vacation experiment as I am.

Week-Ends Permitted

"To say that I had discarded every thought of household duty would be untrue. Habit is strong, and I cannot help wondering about how Mr. Winslow is faring in his bachelor quarters. I have been going to Kew Gardens at week-ends just to see that those little things which a man might overlook were being done. Possibly, if I didn't take my work so seriously, I wouldn't come back to my New York apartment on Mondays. But writing looms large to me, and I can break away quite easily, notwithstanding a little nervousness regarding Mr. Winslow's ability to remember to empty the pan under the ice-box each evening."

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That Body of Yours



By James W. Barton, M.D.
STIFF JOINTS

I am sometimes asked if rubbing on liniments or applying wintergreen oil or liniments, is good treatment for rheumatism. I believe that in old cases of joint trouble which is popularly called rheumatism, liniments often ease the pain and are therefore of help. But the trouble is that you often are satisfied just to rub on some considerable damage has already been done to the joint. Many of the returned soldiers brought back stiffened joints due to infection from teeth, tonsils and other parts of the body, where the exposure to dampness and cold gave these products a chance to get in their deadly work about the joints. Accordingly every hospital was

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much meat without exercise, anything that makes the blood impure and allows it to carry material to the joints and injure the lining. And so your first idea should be to locate the cause, and stop the manufacture of these products. This does not fix up the stiff joint immediately, because often considerable damage has already been done to the joint. Many of the returned soldiers brought back stiffened joints due to infection from teeth, tonsils and other parts of the body, where the exposure to dampness and cold gave these products a chance to get in their deadly work about the joints. Accordingly every hospital was

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The hearts that sing their little songs,
When song seems of no worth,
Ofttimes may hear an answer from some distant part of earth.

By REBECCA HELMAN

PRAYERS

I do not pray for sturdy souls,
The kind who fight and win;
Who cleave a pathway through the gloom
That rims the maze of sin.

But rather do I lift my prayers
For fragile souls who weep
Because the pathway is so rough,
The mountain is so steep.

By REBECCA HELMAN

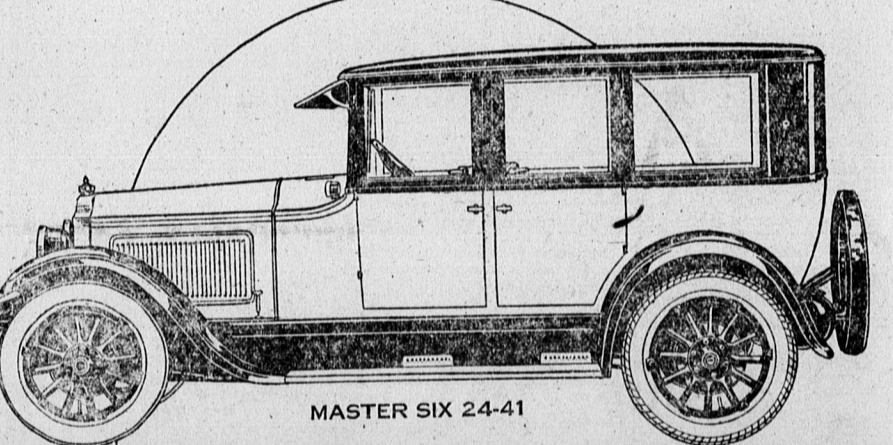
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